

Trail Restoration / Tiered Step Construction at Dead Horse Ranch State Park

Project Description: Please join us at Dead Horse Ranch State Park to support the construction of steps on the connector trail between the River Day Use Area and the Mesquite Cabins camp area. Dead Horse Ranch is situated amidst an abundance of life along the Verde River. A six-mile reach of the river is known as the Verde River Greenway. Its unique ecosystem, the Cottonwood / Willow riparian gallery forest, is one of less than 20 such riparian zones in the World.

The connector trail where we will be working has sections of moderately steep grade that would benefit from the construction of tiered steps. The earthen steps will be bordered by pre-cut wooden bollards. Work will consist of shoveling and leveling trail sections and adding the bollards. Arizona State Parks will provide water and light snacks. Volunteers need to bring their own lunch.

Location: Dead Horse Ranch SP, 675 Dead Horse Ranch Road, Cottonwood, AZ 86326 (PH: 928-634-5283)

Crew Manager: Bill Benzel (PH: 602-765-6000 / Cell: 480-277-7140 / email: wbenzel@cox.net)

Date: Saturday, April 5, 2008

Duration: Two shifts are available: Morning: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Afternoon: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Volunteers: 20 total (10 per shift)

Minimum Age: 18 years of age

Difficulty: Moderate

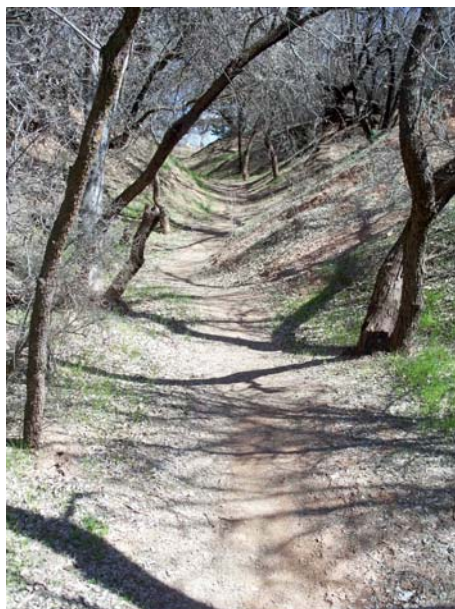
Equipment Provided By Park: Bollards
Rebar
Drill, auger and extension cord
Shovels, picks and rock bars

Photos:

1) Lower Connector Section



2) Mid Connector Section



3) Upper Connector Section



Trail Restoration in Cottonwood, Arizona

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Please note: You must register in advance for this event.

Please notify Crew Manager wbenzel@cox.net or call 480-277-7140 if you or anyone in your group is unable to attend.

What to wear and bring

- sturdy shoes
- work gloves
- sun protection (wide brim hat, loose clothing that covers your limbs, sun screen)
- lunch

The work

We will use shovels, picks and rock bars to level out and construct earthen steps, and then shore up the steps with pre-cut 12"x12"x36" wooden bollards for risers. The bollards may have to be drilled to accommodate rebar stabilizer pins where necessary.

Physical requirements to participate

We will be working on a connector trail between the River Day Use Area and the Mesquite Cabins camp area. Trail width is 30 – 36 inches in width, with occasional slippery conditions. The trail is approximately 75 yards long, with sections that vary from moderately steep grade to gentle slopes. The trail is generally shaded. Work will be moderate, however, it will require the movement of dirt and rocks, as well as the placement of bollards that weigh approximately 60 pounds apiece (bollards to be moved by teams only).

Agenda & Meals

Shift 1 Sign In begins at 9:30 AM and Shift 2 Sign In begins at 12:30 PM at the River Day Use Area ramada

Work begins at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM

Lunch to be provided by volunteer

Shifts end at 1:00 PM and 4:00P, with all work ending at 4:00 PM.

Facilities

This will be a single day event. Camping may be arranged by contacting Dead Horse Ranch SP. Toilet, fire boxes and picnic tables are available at the River Day Use Area. Water will be provided by Arizona State Parks.

Emergency services

There are Park Rangers available at the main entrance Ranger Station. The nearest emergency medical facility is The Verde Valley Medical Center, less than 2 miles from the park.

Vehicular access

All roads to, and within, the Park are paved. The River Day Use Area is accessed from Owl Road within Dead Horse Ranch SP.

How to get there

From Phoenix:

- I-17 North to Exit 287, Camp Verde / SR-260 (~ 72 miles from the I-17 and SR-101 exchange)
- Turn Left (Northwest) onto SR-260 towards Cottonwood ~ 12.5 miles to junction of SR-260 and AZ 89-A
- Left onto SR-260 / AZ 89-A ~ ½ mile to intersection of SR-260 and AZ 89-A
- Straight on SR-260 (Main Street) through intersection of SR-260 and AZ 89-A. Do NOT turn left onto AZ 89-A
- Continue on SR-260 (Main St) ~ 1 ½ miles to N. 10th Street (right after the Cottonwood Cemetery on right side)
- Right onto N 10th Street to Dead Horse Ranch SP. Volunteers must stop at Ranger Station.
- Owl Road will be the first marked road on right hand side. Follow to parking area and Ramada.